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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUDAPEST 0925

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SUBJECT: WILLY BRANDT TO VISIT HUNGARY

1. ACCORDING TO FRG EMBASSY HERE, WILLY BRANDT WILL VISIT HUNGARY FOR NINE DAYS BEGINNING MAR 21. HE WILL COME TO BUDAPEST IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SPD. HIS HOST WILL BE JANOS KADAR, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY, WHO INVITED BRANDT TO VISIT HUNGARY DURING HIS (KADAR'S) VISIT TO THE FRG IN THE SUMMER OF 1977.

2. BRANDT PLANS TO SPEND MAR 21-24 IN BUDAPEST FOR TALKS WITH KADAR, OTHER PARTY OFFICIALS, AND "SOME GOVERNMENT MINISTERS." THE HUNGARIAN PARTY HAS NOT YET GIVEN THE FRG EMBASSY A COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR BRANDT. FOLLOWING HIS TALKS IN BUDAPEST, BRANDT PLANS TO SPEND EASTER IN HUNGARY ON VACATION.

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3. ALTHOUGH THE BRANDT VISIT IS A PARTY-TO-PARTY AFFAIR, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI. WISCHEWSKI, HOWEVER, WILL REMAIN IN BUDAPEST FOR ONLY ONE DAY. HE IS INCLUDED IN BRANDT'S PARTY BECAUSE HE HAS EXCELLENT PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH SOME LEADING FIGURES IN THE HUNGARY PARTY, ESPECI-

ALLY BELA BISZKU.

4. SPD OFFICIALS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY BRANDT INCLUDE HORST EHMKE AND DINGLES. EGON BAHR WILL NOT COME WITH BRANDT, BUT PLANS TO VISIT BUDAPEST LATER IN THE YEAR IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION HE RECEIVED WHEN HE MET WITH OVARI DURING THE LEADER'S RECENT VISIT TO THE FRG.

5. THE FRG EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON WHAT SUBJECTS BRANDT INTENDS TO DISCUSS WITH THE HUNGARIANS. IT NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT BERLIN ISSUES HAVE A WAY OF CONTINUALLY CROPPING UP IN BILATERAL MATTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN ADDITION TO BONN'S EXCELLENT REPORT ON THE EC-HUNGARIAN TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS (BONN 3715), OUR SOURCE RELATED IN INCIDENT CONCERNING THE BERLIN LADIES' HANDBALL TEAM'S RECENT VISIT TO HUNGARY. THE HUNGARIANS HAD REFUSED VISAS TO THE BERLINERS BECAUSE THEY HAD GIVEN THEIR NATIONALITY AS "GERMAN." THE BERLIN TEAM REFUSED TO BE DOCUMENTED AS "RESIDENTS OF BERLIN (WEST)." THE COMPROMISE SOLUTION WAS THE ENTRANCE INTO HUNGARY OF THE TEAM WITHOUT VISAS.

6. THE FRG EMBASSY ALSO REPORTS THAT ITS TRADE WITH HUNGARY HAS GROWN EMBARRASSINGLY LARGE, ESPECIALLY GERMAN EXPORTS. THE FRG REPLACED THE GDR LAST YEAR  
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AS HUNGARY'S SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TRADE PARTNER. THE HUNGARIANS HAVE OBSCURED THIS FACT IN THEIR OPEN POLICY PARTY STATEMENTS, BUT NOT IN OFFICIAL STATISTICS. THE EAST GERMANS ARE UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS SITUATION AND HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE HUNGARIANS. THE EAST GERMANS ARE ALSO UNEASY ABOUT THE HIGH LEVEL OF TOURIST TRAFFIC BETWEEN HUNGARY AND THE FRG. FRG FIGURES SHOW 100,000 HUNGARIANS TO THE FRG, AND 400,000 WEST GERMANS TO HUNGARY IN 1977, BUT HUNGARIAN FIGURES ARE SOMEWHAT LOWER.

7. IT IS NOT CLEAR AT THIS STAGE THAT BRANDT WILL DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN BUDAPEST. WE EXPECT THAT THE PUBLIC STATEMENT FOLLOW THE SOVIET LINE ON BERLIN AND OTHER POLITICAL ISSUES.  
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